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Rome**

**CASES AND TRUNKS
ALREADY SENT OUT**

Consul Generals and Staffs Are Ready to Leave Rome

By Bulletin Leased Wire.
—LONDON, May 19.—A despatch to the Central News, dated Tuesday, from Rome says:

“The *Giornale d'Italia* announces that Prince von Huelow, the German ambassador and Baron von Macchio, the special ambassador of Austria have demanded their passports. The newspaper adds that the staffs of the German and Austrian consulates will leave Rome Tuesday evening.

ROME, May 18.—vii Paris May 18. Several cases and trunks belonging to Prince von Huelow, the German ambassador, and Baron von Macchio, the special Austrian ambassador, which are believed to have contained the documents of the late emperor,

The German and Austrian consuls general and their staffs received instructions to be ready to leave Rome today or tomorrow.

The *Messaggero* today stated that it was of the opinion that Prince von

Below and Baron von Macchio were only awaiting definite instructions from their respective governments to ask explanations of the Italian government concerning Italy's success.

and that this request would be answered by handing them their passports.

"We Shall Fight," Says Ex-Minister.
ROME, May 19.—Admiral Bittolo, formerly minister of marine, when asked tonight concerning his impression as to the political situation, said:
"My impression is that we shall undoubtedly fight and that we are absolutely certain to win."

Will Not Attend Session.

ROME, May 18, via Paris. May 19.—While the train bearing former Premier Giolitti to his home in Cavour was passing through an Italian village today Signor Giolitti said he had decided not to attend the session of the chamber of deputies next Thursday because his presence there might give occasion for signs of violence between artisans of the war and peace factions. Such a scene he added might

Communications Crossed.
AMSTERDAM, May 18, via London, May 19.—A copy of the Berlin Tageblatt which has been received here

contains the following: "Italy's intention to Vienna concerning the triple alliance crossed Austria's notification to Rome of concessions offered Italy by Austria. Therefore Italy's action cannot be regarded as a formal denunciation of the alliance. Moreover Berlin has received no communication whatever bearing on the triple alliance."

MISTAKE IN SCALE CAUSED FATALITY

Line Engineers Thought Shafts 415 Feet Apart—Were Only 2 Feet

By Bulletin Leased Wire.
VANCOUVER, May 18.—A singular
and yet complete explanation of how
mine disaster occurred and twenty

They were lost near Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, February 8 last, was made at an inquest today. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death by drowning, but called for a government examination into the causes of the accident and the fixing of the responsibility. On the date mentioned the miners of the Pacific coast '01 were caught by water which had broken through from the old sulphide workings. The latter had

When the Pacific Coast workings were made some 100 years ago, the map of the latter was obtained. It was taken for granted that the scales of both maps were the same, whereas the fact was divulged today that the scale of the Southfield was 132 feet to an inch and the new scale of the Pacific Coast was 100 feet even.

ine engineers had supposed that on the day before the accident a wall of 5 feet separated the mines. On the actual scale of 122 feet to the inch, the mine workings would be only two feet apart; this as a matter of fact was found to be the state of affairs. This two foot wall broke through and the water came into the Pacific Coast in such a way that the men were not given time to get out.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1916.

IS CANADA DOING its share?

Many a dollar goes over the bar that ought to go over the grocery counter.

On one point there is fair agreement. It is high time these chills were interred.

Australia, with a population of four and a half millions, has forty thousand men in the fighting zone. Canada, with a population of eight millions, has thirty thousand men in the fighting zone.

The city solicitor loyally contented in court that municipal ownership of the street railway had nothing to do with the severity of the jiffy bylaw. If that were said anywhere else some body would be sure to snile.

It appears that a trunk full of money handed out in advance to the contractors for the new Manitoba parliament buildings was started away a few days before the last provincial election. Hon. Robt. Rogers was in the province at the time. That is enough.

The war appears to be settling down into an endurance contest. In a struggle of that sort the side that can put in the last dollar and the last man will win. Our side has the dollars. It also has the men, but they need to be trained. Now is the time to do it.

If a public owned street railway cannot be operated in successful competition with private owned jitneys then the public must suffer, either through the loss of money on the street railway or by the suppression of the jitney service. That is a risk inherent in public ownership that is well worth thinking over.

The farmers have surely had an excellent opportunity this year for seedling every available acre. Already there have been nearly two millions of ideal seedling weather, and there is still plenty of time to now barley and oats. If there is not a bumper harvest this fall it will not be for want of a seed-time that could hardly be improved.

Of the two millions borrowed by the province, one is to be loaned to the Central Canada to complete the railway to the navigable waters of Peace River. For it the province obtains a mortgage upon the railway. The other million for public works of a permanent character, authorized by the legislature at the recent session. The interest on the latter only represents a direct charge upon the revenues, the railway company having to pay the interest upon the loan.

British politicians are thinking of resorting even to the little favored expedient of a coalition government to avoid an outbreak of political controversy while the war is in progress. The coalition government steadfastly refuse to pledge themselves to not spring an election at any time they think they can pull through with the majority of the seats. In England the thing of first consideration is to save the Empire. In Ottawa the thing of first consideration is to hang onto the patronage.

A regiment of Austrians started the other day to walk from Winnipeg to the United States boundary, hoping to find work across the line. If they could get across. Had they thought of the military aid by proclaiming hostility to the Allies or by rejecting over the Austrians outrage the government would have put them in detention camps and fed them. Being only men out of work, who behaved themselves, the government has no concern in them. There is something both dangerous and unjust in this sort of discrimination between the man who helps himself and the man who does not. It rather puts a premium on unreasonable talk, for most men would rather be interested than be hungry.

The Rice street market, or no market; that is the question.

Sir John French is not the man to report an advance unless it has not only been made, but made good.

The second contingent has been landed safely in England. The third should be mobilized at once, and the fourth recruited.

"Von Tirpitz is a witness who establishes beyond anybody's questioning that Britain has plenty of dreadnaughts in the North sea."

German newspapers seem disposed to finish what Dornberg so well began. If the United States is not tainted into active and actual hostility it will not be their fault.

The Consumers' league have abandoned hope of making the First street market a real one, and recommend to the council the opening of the Rice street site. That is the alternative to having no market at all.

If shells cannot be made in all parts of Canada, Canadian mechanics can go to England to make them. When the British authorities have to exert themselves to import mechanics one can imagine something of the demand for ammunition.

The chief trouble the Red Cross collectors are having, is to get around fast enough to gather in the waiting dimes. Things are not as favorable as they might be these days, but there is usually a dime to spare in an Edmonton pocket for so worthy a purpose.

Nothing is said in the dispatches as to the size of the second contingent. As the government plan to keep fifty thousand men at the front, and as the first contingent is about thirty thousand strong, the assumption is that the second comprises about twenty thousand men.

The courts have ruled out the jiffy bylaw on the ground that the license fee is prohibitive. As that is about what it was intended to be the inference is that the jiffy cannot be abolished by law. The alternative is to accept it as something that has come to stay, and regulate it only in so far as regulation is necessary to the safety of the public.

The Transylvania got through safely, under escort, no doubt. Her arrival emphasizes Mr. Churchill's statement that the loss of the Lusitania may be credited to a lack of the types of warships suitable for warding off submarines—that is light cruisers and destroyers, such as the late Canadian government proposed to build and which the present government refused to build.

The Ottawa dispatch announcing the government's intention to keep fifty thousand men in the fighting line explains, quite unnecessarily, "The need of it is emphasized not only by losses sustained by the Canadian forces now on service, but by the call upon the navy and the cables for more men. To whom the ministers think it necessary to apologize for raising even one more man, the number of men ought to raise from a population of eight millions?"

Two million dollars worth of provincial bonds have been marketed in New York at substantially the same price as secured for an issue a year ago. The interest rate is a half per cent. higher, but the bonds run for ten years only and can be converted then into a shorter issue if the war's end allows have returned to normal. Money conditions considered, the bonds are surprisingly favorable, and establishes that the men with money have no such doubts about the solvency of the province as the opposition sometimes claim to have.

HAMILTON GERMAN DENOUNCES KAISER

Directors of Germania Clubs Call for the Sinking of the Lusitania

Hamilton, Ont., May 18.—The directors of the Germania club of Hamilton which closed its door following the Lusitania incident, today handed out for publication the following resolution passed at a meeting on May 18th.

Resolved, that this club place on record its strong disapproval of the cowardly act of sinking the Lusitania and express its deep sympathy with the Allies who have lost relatives and friends. And resolved, further, that this club will not have any connection with these disreputable acts which show the Hamiltonian community in a bad light. The resolution is signed by ten prominent Germans.

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BLOUSE OF STRIPED VOILE—Made with military collar; back extends over shoulder to form yoke in front; neck sleeve with cuff; collar can be worn high or low. Front fastened with pearl buttons and loops of material.
Price..... **\$1.95**

BLOUSE OF FLAKED VOILE—Low neck, with flare collar and buttoned front; back extends over shoulder to make flared across front. In a very dainty style and comes in all sizes.
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Bound with hid and with kid bands.
Priced from..... **25c**

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2 lbs. TOMATOES, 2 lbs. PEAS, 2 lbs. CORN, regular 25c. Very Special for 2 hours only, WEDNESDAY Special..... **50c**

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100 cases Extra Fine ORANGES, selling regularly at 40c per dozen, on sale Wednesday morning 25c per dozen. No phone orders and no deliveries of this special.
—Floor Three—

Wednesday Morning Drug Specials

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War Secretary Announces Decision To Use Gas Against the Germans

1 Kitchener Declares Allied Forces Will No Longer Operate Under Enormous and Unjustifiable Disadvantage—War Office Hopes for Important Results From Present Offensive at La Bassee—Striking Tribute Paid to Valor of Canadian Division in Battle of Langhemarcq

in the lobby of the House of Commons tonight that a coalition government was about to be formed. Unionist leaders held a conference with Premier Asquith this afternoon and it is said the question coalition was settled.

According to these reports the allocating of officers have not finally determined. It is rumored that Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, former premier, will succeed Right Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill as first lord of the admiralty, the latter taking some other

all other streets having German names.

the reputation they already have attained at home."

PHONE 6613

London, May 18, 5.02 p.m.—Lord Kitchener stated in the
 se of Lords this afternoon that the British and French govern-
 ts felt that the allied troops must be adequately protected
 not noxious gases by the employment of similar methods

must remove the enormous and unjustifiable disadvantage which must otherwise exist.

London, May 18, 5.06 p.m.—In the House of Lords this afternoon Lord Kitchener said he wanted 300,000 more recruits to form armies. He expressed his confidence that in the very near future the country would be in a satisfactory condition with regard to supply of ammunition.

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the determination of the government to resort to similar methods as those which has enabled us to maintain the forces in the field and in training at full strength and with efficiency. Your Lordships have watched the growth of the new army and have no doubt that the difficulties which confronted us in providing them with all the material of war they require.

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